

IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Meeting Minutes January 9, 2004

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Virginia Beane – Attorney Generals Office
Bill Brand – Department of Human Rights
Anne Brown – Department of Corrections
Diane Foss – Department of Economic
Development
Tim Gracey – Department of Vocational
Rehabilitation Services
Douglas Keast – Workforce Development
Administration
Anne Kinzel – Department of Public Health

Sam Knowles – Department of Public Safety
Ray Morley – Department of Education
Lloyd Ogle – Iowa Finance Authority
Patrick Palmersheim – Department of Veterans
Affairs
Todd Savage – Department of Elder Affairs
Lila Starr – Department of Human Services
Rose Wazny – Department of Economic
Development

OTHERS PRESENT

Al Axen – Hawkeye Area Community
Action Plan
Jean Bergen – House of Compassion
Christine Canganelli – Emergency Housing
Project, Inc.
Carol Simms-Davis – Broadlawns Medical
Center
Major Nelson DeLaVerge – The Salvation
Army
Mark Dickey – Iowa Community Action
Agencies
Julie Eberbach – Iowa Institute of
Community Alliances
Jim Flahive – Workforce Development
Jeff Gronstal – Department of Public Health
Ann Hearn – Linn County Department of
Human Services
Deidre Henriquez – Primary Health Care
Janine Johnson – John Lewis Community
Services
Jodi Kiehne – Department of Human Services

Amy Knudsen – Iowa Coalition for Housing
And the Homeless
Anne Lanigan – Department of Veterans Affairs
Carla Levi – Abbe Center for Community
Mental Health
Sharon Murphy – Iowa Finance Authority
Elizabeth Norris – Iowa Legal Aid
Matt Otte – Community Mental Health
Center for MidEastern Iowa
Rita Pribyl – City of Davenport
Sally Schroeder – Department of Education
Lyle Schwery – City of Des Moines
Julie Sleeper – USDA – Rural Development
Angela Smith – Turning Point
Cecilia Sommer - HUD
Don Tyne – Linn County Veterans Affairs
Douglas Walter – Social Worker and Iowa
Finance Authority Board Member
Vicky Winter – Iowa Finance Authority

Welcome/Introduction

Introductions were made and all those in attendance were asked to sign in.

Mr. Lloyd Ogle agreed to serve as acting chair.

MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Rose Wazny and a second by Ms. Anne Brown, Mr. Ogle was given the consensus to facilitate the meeting as acting chair as no other members volunteered to chair the meeting.

Background – Interagency Task Force on Homelessness

Mr. Ogle gave a brief history of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness, the body which preceded the Iowa Council on Homelessness.

Executive Order #33

Mr. Ogle stated this Council was convened under Executive Order 33, signed on November 17, 2003 by Governor Tom Vilsack. He explained as an officially recognized body, the Council must conform to the requirements of the open meeting law. Mr. Ogle stated that the official membership of the Council currently consists of members who represent the twelve agencies listed in the Executive Order.

Report on Chronic Homelessness Academy Training

Mr. Ogle requested one of the team leaders who attended the recent HUD/VA Policy Academy on Chronic Homelessness give a report on the experience. Ms. Anne Kinzel gave a brief explanation of the process and ongoing work required to complete the plan to address the chronic homeless, which is due sixty days after attending the Chronic Homelessness training.

Upcoming Policy Academy Addressing Homelessness and Families

Mr. Ogle stated another Policy Academy to address the needs of Homeless Families has been scheduled for the end of January. He said another team, which includes many of those who attended the Policy Academy on Chronic Homelessness, will be attending.

Formation of Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Ogle asked for volunteers to assemble an ad hoc committee which will present recommendations on organizational structure for the Council on Homelessness at the March meeting. He explained at the March meeting, officers would be elected and the first order of business would be for the Council to nominate and expand the membership beyond those members from the agencies listed in the Executive Order.

Ms. Lila Starr suggested the membership of the ad hoc committee consist of at least three or five members from the various state agencies. She stated she would volunteer herself for the committee.

Mr. Al Axen stated he would like to see some regionalism which would cover those areas served, with respect to the formation of the committee and volunteered himself for the ad hoc committee.

Mr. Donald Tyne stated he would like to see more representation from areas outside of Des Moines and volunteered himself.

Ms. Rose Wazny said she would volunteer to be on the ad hoc committee and anyone present could send her suggested names and organizations for expanded membership.

Ms. Christine Canganelli, Mr. Lyle Schwery, and Ms. Janine Johnson all agreed to volunteer.

Mr. Ogle stated he would also volunteer his name as well.

Mr. Ogle read a list of those who agreed to volunteer and included Ms. Amy Knudsen and Mr. Todd Savage.

Ms. Starr suggested there be additional volunteers from the state agencies due to her and Mr. Ogle's schedules in the next few months.

Ms. Anne Brown agreed to volunteer.

MOTION: Mr. Ogle asked for a nomination to name this group as a whole. Ms. Starr moved to approve the motion and on a second by Mr. Pat Palmersheim the motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Mr. Ogle stated he was very pleased with the excellent turnout. He asked for any general discussions from those present.

Mr. Morley stated he had two pieces of business he would like to discuss. He referred to Title X the Homeless Education Legislation and stated the Department of Education is currently in the process of restructuring Chapter 33 of the Iowa Administrative Code to conform to the recent Federal Legislation. He asked anyone from the Council that would like to review the proposed Administrative Rules. Mr. Morley stated responses are due to him by January 23, 2004.

Mr. Morley stated he would like to bring together a group of members that would be available to discuss the needs for a new study on Homelessness.

After a detailed discussion, it was decided to postpone the discussion on the homeless study to a date to be determined in mid-March.

Mr. Morley requested the Homeless Study discussion be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

Ms. Wazny gave a brief report on the timeline for the Continuum of Care application process.

Mr. Ogle stated he would like to see the Council make recommendations to the Legislature for the 2005 session.

Ms. Starr spoke on the PATH Program (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness), a federally funded program, which she administers. She stated Iowa currently receives \$300,000, which is inadequate to address those persons who are homeless and mentally ill in Iowa. Ms. Starr spoke on the RFP process which will place the \$300,000 the PATH program receives in a competitive bid process.

Mr. Ogle asked everyone who volunteered to participate on the ad hoc committee to stay after adjournment of the meeting to further discuss how the ad hoc committee will operate.

Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Morley and a second by Mr. Gronstal, the first meeting of the Iowa Council of Homelessness adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Mr. Morley stated he would like to thank Mr. Ogle for his work with the Governor's office and facilitating the work on the formation of the Council.

The next meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness will be held March 19, 2004; from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon with the remote ICN sites to be announced.

Dated this 19th day of March 2004.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Vicky Winter
Iowa Finance Authority

Loyd Ogle, Acting Chair
Iowa Finance Authority